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On the road to Camp Serenity. . .

MEDIUMSHIP EXPLAINED

By E. W. & M. H. Wallis

Through the gateway of mediumship for upwards of one-hundred-fifty years the world has been catching glimpses of the glory of the land immortal, and visitants from that 'bourne' whence it was erroneously said that 'no traveller returns' have made their presence known beyond all doubt or denial, thus proving the continued conscious existence of human beings and the sequential character of the life hereafter.

Though the messages from the unseen have at times been imperfect and fragmentary, still they have been messages. If but telegraphic dispatches, so to speak, instead of voluminous letters; or like telephonic snatches of conversation rather than face-to-face outpourings of thought and feeling, still they have been greetings and comforting assurances of undying affection from the people living in the land 'beyond the veil.'

Although many a sorrowing soul has longed for further revelation, and regretted the inability of the spirits to comply with the requests for fuller information, still, the gates have been ajar, and sometimes it has truly seemed as though they had been flung wide open—so clear and consoling were the messages from the loved ones on the other side of death's valley of shadow.

The manifestations of the presence of spirits and the evidences of their identity, which have been accumulating during all these years, have solved the 'great secret,' and we know that death is not a cul-de-sac, but a thoroughfare. The dread of death disappeared altogether with the mists of ignorance, as, through the gateway of mediumship, the shining presence of ministering spirits, 'our very own dear departed,' illumined the pathway which

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The Chemistry of Character

By LIZZIE DOTEN

John, and Peter, and Robert, and Paul, God in his wisdom created them all. John was a statesman, and Peter a slave Robert a preacher, and Paul was a knave.

Evil or good as the case might be, White, or colored, or bond, or free—John, and Peter, and Robert, and Paul God in his wisdom created them all.

Out of earth's elements, mingled with flame,

Out of life's compounds of glory and shame,

Fashioned and shaped by no will of their own

And helplessly into life's history thrown; Born by the law that compels men to be, Born to conditions they could not foresee, John, and Peter, and Robert, and Paul God in his wisdom created them all.

John was the head and the heart of his state

He was trusted and honored, was noble and great.

Peter was made 'neath life's burdens to groan

And never once dreamed that his soul was his own.

Robert great glory and honor received For zealously preaching what no one believed;

While Paul, of the pleasures of sin took his fill

And gave up his life to the service of ill.

It chanced that these men, in their passing away

From earth and its conflicts; all died the same day—

John was mourned through the length and breadth of the land,

Peter fell neath the lash in a merciless hand—

Robert died with the praise of the lord on his tongue

While Paul was convicted of murder, and hung.

John, and Peter, and Robert and Paul The purpose of life was fulfilled in them all.

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A Child Speaks

By K. H. Nagrani

Don't tell the child anything which may create any fear in him. If there is to be a riot in town, don't create fear in him. Tell him, we shall face the situation. If you are short of money, don't transfer these worries to children. His time for worrying about money will come. Why ruin this period of his life?

A child has enough of his own wor-



ries. His dolly is ill. The doll has had a quarrel with the dolly. He cannot get a dog he wants. The teacher beats him. He is not able to get up in time for his school. These and many other misfortunes face him. So what sympathy can you expect of him? Try to help him face his difficulties and allow him to grow. If you have the right to enjoy, he is no thief.

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The Twenty-Third Psalm

By Louise Bird

HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

And when I have safely passed beside the trials of life, He inspires me to seek a righteous accomplishment; to see the lessons in the tribulations through which I have come and build upon my new-found knowledgenot for my own physical comfort, not to satisfy my prideful and pretentious ego, but for the lasting enlightenment of my soul. No edifice I might construct as proof of my physical accomplishments would be more lastingly beautiful than the house of love I can build in the ethers with my humble thoughts, or a quiet prayer. I AM building my home in the world, as well as the hereafter, by the thoughts I think and the actions I commit my physical body to perform. If I prefer, I can build it on greed, and lust and hate, but the house will be dark and sorrowful. It pleases God to see me build my house upon a spiritual foundation and I know it will glow unceasingly with the purity I thrust into the building of it! But any house I build, whether real in this world, or better still....REAL in the next, will crumble and dissipate in the nothingness unless I do it in the spirit of God's Holy Intent. Unless I appreciate the source from whence comes my help, (God), then the house I have constructed will be only temporary, like the ego, and will need constant rebuilding. I am led to perceive Truth!; that my constructive thoughts will build me an etheric home much more solid than any physical home ever built, and I do it.....not for myself, nor by myself, but by the Grace of God for the sake of His people....humanity.

Prayers of Black Eagle



O Father, give me wisdom. Give me more strength to follow on. May I not falter. Through work and ceaseless striving may I, with Thy help and that of the Invisible Forces and Friends, be strong and true. Open mine eyes that I may see clearly; attune mine ears that I may hear the still, small voice within which will lead me to success, health, and happiness. With Thy help I shall at all times radiate love and truth, and to Thee and the Invisible Friends and Helpers will I give the glory.

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THE STONE ROLLED AWAY

'Immortality demonstrated through mediumship' should be inscribed upon the banner of Spiritualism, for the fact of life beyond the incident of death has been proved beyond all preadventure to millions of intelligent and enlightened people since the new spiritual era was inaugurated. To mediums—the modern mediators—therefore, belong the office of the honour of rolling back the stone from the tomb and establishing faith upon the firm basis of the knowledge (scientifically ascertained and proven) of the continued intelligent existence in the spiritual realm of those who went forth through the death change into light and liberty 'over there.'

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THE CHEMISTRY OF CHARACTER Continued

Men said of the statesman - "How noble and brave"
But of Peter, alas - "He was only a slave."
Of Robert - "Tis well with his soul - it is well;"
While Paul they consigned to the torments of hell.
Born by one law through all nature the same,
What made them differ? - and who was to blame?
John, and Peter, and Robert, and Paul, God in his wisdom created them all.
Out in that region of infinite light Where the soul of the black man is as pure as the white -
Out where the flesh can no longer control
The freedom and faith of the God given soul-
Who shall determine what change may befall
John, and Peter, and Robert, and Paul.
John may in wisdom and goodness increase.
Peter rejoice in an infinite peace,
Robert may learn that the truths of the Lord
Are more in the Spirit, and less in the word-
And Paul may be blest with a holier birth
Than the passions of man had allowed him on earth.
John, and Peter, and Robert, and Paul God in his wisdom created them all.

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DEATH AND THE SOUL

By Suzanne Bray

The physical body is the vehicle of expression of the soul while on the earth plane. Death of the body does not affect the soul in any way. The material body, functioning in the material world, offers the only means by which the soul can gather its myriad of experiences, develop its latent powers within, and reach spiritual consciousness by weaving the entire process of soul functioning, development, and conscious experience into the tapestry of the MIND. Upon transition the soul, or real man, continues to function consciously upon a higher plane of nature at a higher rate of vibration in a **spirit body**—the duplicate of the physical body minus flaws and blemishes.

It is important to obey the physical laws of nature by caring for the "temple" that encases the immortal soul. In order to find full spiritual expression the soul must have a suitable vehicle for this expression. Man is



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a spiritual being here and now and if he is to respect himself—the soul self—he must also respect the body and the laws of nature governing this body. It is also important to develop the mind because the mental wealth and growth is carried over into the world of spirit after transition. Spiritualists should have the will to expand mentally and aspire towards the higher planes of thinking and learning so that the goal of spiritual growth and attainment will be achieved.

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A Catechism Of Spiritual Philosophy

By W. J. Colville

Q. Can we unfold these gifts anywhere and at any time?

A. If we succeed in becoming inwardly restful and receptive, outward conditions are not matters of any great importance.

Q. What do you understand by Clairvoyance?

A. The word simply means clear sight, or more than an ordinary measure of vision.

Q. What do you mean by vision?

A. Both physical and spiritual sight.

Q. What is spiritual sight often termed?

A. Seership.

Q. Does clairvoyance enable one to see beyond the limits of the material world?

A. Very often, but not always. Some clairvoyants only possess extended

physical vision and are therefore able to see many things at considerable distances from the place where they are actually present, but such clairvoyance is purely mundane.

Q. What kind of vision is it which enables mediumistic persons to describe our spirit friends?

A. Those who give accurate descriptions of how our friends appeared before transition, but receive no definite information regarding their present state, may only see pictures on the astral atmosphere, but those who see them now as living, moving entities, can behold the psychic body.

Q. Can a clairvoyant often see the psychic body of a person yet living in a physical body, but asleep?

A. Yes, quite frequently, because during

sleep the inner faculties are temporarily set free and when we are sleeping soundly we are very much in the same condition as those who are no longer physically embodied.

Q. Can clairvoyants foretell the future as well as read the past?

A. To a limited extent they sometimes can and do; but as the past has left its record and future events have not yet occurred, the future can only be predicted either by seeing what has already taken place physically or mentally, or by receiving information from intelligences who are resolving to carry purposes into effect.

Q. Can clairvoyants read our minds?

A. Sometimes they can, very readily, especially when we are thinking of something very earnestly, for then we make definite mental images or produce thought-forms which are distinctly outlined.

FROM FIRE MIST TO MAN

By Andrew Jackson Davis

Inorganic Evolution

Six Attributes of Wisdom continued from last issue...

And the fourth attribute of Wisdom, which is Beauty said—"Man shall represent and embrace all Suns and Planets, all minerals and vegetables; and also the energy, strength, symmetry, and structural beauty of all animals, in form, organs and functions."

And the fifth attribute of Wisdom, which is Aspiration, said—"Man shall know himself to be immortal, he shall be the King and Lord of Nature and aspire to be an Angel, a Seraph and

a God."

And the sixth and highest attribute of Divine Wisdom, which is Harmony, said—"Man shall be an exact embodiment of the Great Spirit who created him; he shall represent in a finite degree the elements and attributes of the Infinite; he shall desire and be capable of enjoying the most ineffable blessedness; he shall aspire after harmony, shall unfold it, and shall give his eternal existence to its maintenance. He shall be an embodiment of Nature, a revelation of Harmony, and an image of God."



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